

General Assembly

Amendment

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To: House Bill No. **6397** File No. Cal. No. 45

(As Amended)

"AN ACT CONCERNING STATE EXPENDITURE AND REVENUE ADJUSTMENTS."

- 1 Strike sections 14 and 15 in their entirety, substitute the following in
- 2 lieu thereof and renumber the remaining sections and internal
- 3 references accordingly:
- 4 "Sec. 14. Section 17b-280 of the general statutes, is repealed and the
- 5 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 6 [Notwithstanding any provision of the regulations of Connecticut
- 7 state agencies concerning payment for drugs provided to Medicaid
- 8 recipients (1) effective July 1, 1989]
- 9 Effective February 15, 2003, the state shall reimburse for all legend
- 10 drugs provided under the Medicaid, state-administered general
- 11 assistance, general assistance, ConnPACE and Connecticut AIDS drug

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12 assistance programs at the lower of (1) the rate established by the 13 Health Care Finance Administration as the federal acquisition cost, or 14 [, if no such rate is established, the commissioner shall establish and 15 periodically revise the estimated acquisition cost in accordance with 16 federal regulations (2) the average wholesale price minus thirteen and 17 one-half per cent. Effective September 1, 2002, the commissioner shall 18 also establish a professional fee of three dollars and eighty-five cents 19 for each prescription to be paid to licensed pharmacies for dispensing 20 drugs to Medicaid, state-administered general assistance, general 21 assistance, ConnPACE and Connecticut AIDS drug assistance 22 recipients in accordance with federal regulations; and [(2)] on and after 23 September 4, 1991, payment for legend and nonlegend drugs provided 24 to Medicaid recipients shall be based upon the actual package size 25 dispensed. Effective October 1, 1991, reimbursement for over-the-26 counter drugs for such recipients shall be limited to those over-the-27 counter drugs and products published in the Connecticut Formulary, 28 or the cross reference list, issued by the commissioner. The cost of all 29 over-the-counter drugs and products provided to residents of nursing 30 facilities, chronic disease hospitals, and intermediate care facilities for 31 the mentally retarded shall be included in the facilities' per diem rate."